

Statute Permits Killing of Endangered Wolves

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A recent N.C. law allowing residents of Hyde and Washington counties to kill red wolves under certain circumstances has caused tensions among the state government, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and environmental activists.

The law makes it legal for people to kill a red wolf on private property if they "reasonably believe" that it poses a danger to human life or property.

"The wolf just a decade ago was pretty near extinction," said Bill Snape, legal counsel for Defenders of Wildlife, a Washington-based environmental organization.

Although the species' prospects for survival have improved since then, Snape said, "it is by no means safe," adding that

there were still only about 50 red wolves in existence.

"The Endangered Species Act allows an individual to protect himself or somebody else if that person in good faith believes a species is going to harm them or anyone else," he said.

Snape said, however, that he thought that, from a legal point of view, the words "reasonably believe" used in the N.C. law provided too large a loophole for those wishing to kill the wolf.

"Red wolves are not a threat to human beings," he said. "There have been extraordinarily few cases of livestock being taken by red wolves."

Another issue raised by the new law concerns the potential conflict between the state and federal governments.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service con-

tends that the law might violate an agreement between it and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Under the agreement, the state receives \$118,000 every year to protect endangered species within North Carolina. This money might not be provided this year because of the new law.

Randall Wilson, the section manager for Non-Game and Endangered Wildlife for the Wildlife Resources Commission, said the state was still in compliance with this agreement.

It is still in compliance because the red wolf is classified by the federal government as "an experimental, nonessential population," and falls outside of state jurisdiction, he said.

"We have no authority to uphold federal laws. We didn't have jurisdiction over

the wolves when they brought them here. As far as we're concerned, nothing has changed," Wilson said.

He said the federal government, rather than the state, determined whether a species should be classified as "endangered" or put in another category "based on the status of the species and their habitat."

As to whether or not his agency has spoken to federal officials about the law, Wilson said, "We basically advised them that this is a particularly sensitive situation."

Regardless of whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service suspends its annual \$118,000 payment, Snape said he thought Defenders of Wildlife was ready to take action if the law was enforced.

"If a wolf is killed under the North Carolina law, we will be suing the state for having an unconstitutional law," Snape said.

The law is unconstitutional because it is in violation of the Endangered Species Act, which is a federal law, he said.

Snape said that Defenders of Wildlife wanted to work with local property owners as much as possible and that the survival of the red wolf would actually help the region through increased tourism.

Snape said, "We absolutely do not want to disadvantage private land owners with the red wolf."

RETREAT

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discuss more specifically at formal meetings," Touw said.

He added that board members had been collecting information about the budget since December and that the retreat would provide time for administrative officials to arrange the information and brainstorm about the needs of the school system.

Bushnell, who will be attending her eighth retreat, said she had always found the retreat to be very interesting.

"I am interested in seeing what we can do with the budget," Bushnell said. "It is time to put our money where our mouths are, but we are having a hard time doing that because we are growing so fast."

Touw said the board would probably discuss educational opportunities for students who excelled in school, end-of-course test results, the school system's own report card and other programs concerning the school system.

One such program concerns the recent report by Ron Pannesi that dealt with the business side of the school system. The report concerned the restructuring of the school budgets in order to give individual schools more control over their entire budget, Touw said. He said the board would also discuss the possibility of obtaining private funding for additions to the plans for the high school and elementary school. "No definite decisions will be made on whether to seek private funds. Right now, we are just discussing plans for a report on the feasibility of private funding."

RECOUNT

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went through, and the ballots came out the same. He has now asked for us to consider putting CAA on the runoff election ballot.

"We are considering it, but we haven't made a decision on it," he said.

Terry Milner astonished fellow candidates Tuesday with a rare write-in win in the race for Student Congress representative of Dist. 1. Milner unexpectedly won the election with the most votes.

Milner said his campaign had not been planned in advance. He said he had chosen to run because some fellow students had approached him.

"It didn't start out as a planned campaign. I was recruited by a group of students a few weeks ago, by people who felt that not enough people were on the ballot. It was really a grassroots campaign," Milner said.

He said he was proud of the student body for having taken it upon themselves to elect him.

"It was an election about people taking more affirmative steps to take part in. It makes me feel positive that my fellow law students took the time to write in my name. I'm really proud of them for paying attention to the election. It's pleasant, but not surprising," Milner said.

Although he was elected Tuesday, he said he already would be taking the reins as representative next week, according to Student Congress Speaker Monica Cloud, with whom he spoke Wednesday night.

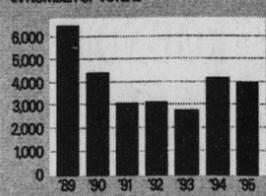
He said Cloud had told him he would take over the vacancy left by the Student Congress representative from Dist. 1 who resigned before the election.

"I think it just means that I have to learn a little more as I go. I don't expect it to be significant," Milner said. "Just going on

Voter Turnout

Voter turnout decreased this year after last year's turnout broke a downhill trend. Turnout for 1995 totaled 3,985.

IN NUMBER OF VOTERS



SOURCE: ELECTIONS BOARD DTH/KAREN HATH

Runoff elections will be held next Tuesday for the following races:

- Student body president
- Senior Class officers
- District 21 Student Congress representatives

what I've been told, the best vote-getter gets seated first.

"I've got a lot to learn. I want to concentrate on learning the ups and downs of student government," he said.

Milner said he had already begun making plans for his future term in office.

"I will take on my role and be a strong advocate for the University and student government," Milner said.

McKamey said the win was unusual. "To win that big against candidates that are on the ballot is really rare, especially in a graduate district. In graduate districts, it's difficult to get students to run."

COMMITTEE

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academic strengths and weaknesses.

The committee has three main short-term goals:

■ First, it will work with the University's land-use planning consultants, Johnson, Johnson and Roy, serving as a liaison between the University's departments and the consulting firm.

■ Second, the committee will provide the Chancellor's Committee on University Development with planning information and concerns after the Bicentennial Campaign is over.

■ Finally, the committee will create an initial academic planning document, which would outline the University's academic goals, to be circulated and discussed throughout the University community for revision.

McCormick said the academic planning document would not be finalized until the new chancellor was installed.

In addition to McCormick, committee members include: Dr. H. Garland Hershey, vice chancellor for health affairs; Thomas Meyer, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies; Wayne Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance; Arch Allen III, vice chancellor for development and

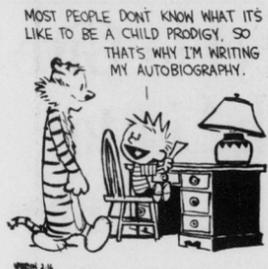
University relations; Edith Wiggins, interim vice chancellor for student affairs; and William Graves, associate provost for information technology.

Other members are: Thomas Clegg, professor of physics and chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Land Use; Arnold Kaluzny, professor of health policy and administration; Darryl Gless, professor of English and chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaccreditation Steering Committee; Jane Brown, professor of journalism and mass communication and Faculty Council chairwoman; Maude Speakman, assistant dean of the School of Nursing; Judith Wegner, dean of the School of Law; John Stamm, dean of the School of Dentistry and co-chairman of the Public Service Roundtable; Dr. Harry Gooder, professor of microbiology and immunology; and Rachel Windham, chairwoman of the Employee Forum.

Student representatives are Lee Conner, an undergraduate from Wilmington, and Steve Hoffmann, the newly elected president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

Conner, student body co-secretary, and Hoffmann are also members of the newly created Chancellor's Student Advisory Committee.

Galvin and Hobbes



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GENIUS HAS ITS OBLIGATIONS.



HEY, HOW DO YOU SPELL "BOOGERS"?

THE Daily Crossword by Dorothy B. Martin

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- ACROSS
- Snack
 - Means of mass communication
 - Grotto
 - Tennis name
 - Put forth
 - Under the covers
 - Remain
 - Strewing
 - Island
 - Cake decorator
 - Unkempt
 - Football pass
 - Matched collections
 - Israeli airline
 - Emphasized
 - Canary's kin
 - City of Light
 - Big name in China
 - "Is — in the world beyond...?" (Montaigne)
 - Cinema
 - Flower holder
 - Cooling device
 - Fabulist
 - Woodland god
 - Locomotive operator
 - Force
 - Earns after expenses
 - Lurches

- Chasm
- Diminish
- Nonsense!
- Splashing
- Excavation
- Porter
- French river
- In the past
- Uriah —
- Old weapon
- Old

- DOWN
- Twangy
 - Ancient Italian city
 - Destructive
 - Attention-getter
 - Mexican liquor

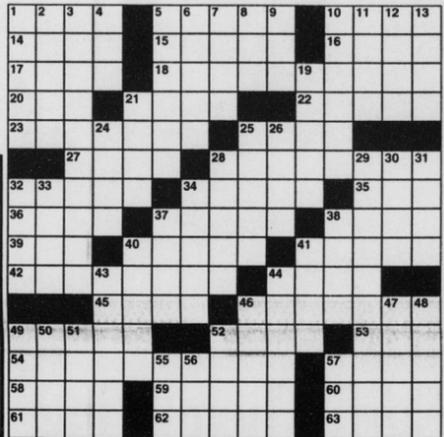
- Outshine
- Cherished
- NYC subway
- Lawyer: abbr.
- Gentle touch
- "—'s Irish Rose"
- Sell
- Restless
- Park, Colo.
- Persian Gulf nation
- Nobelist Wiesel
- Denude
- Indian tribe
- Taste with enjoyment
- Superficial knowledge
- Effortless

- Activist
- Secure
- Ardor
- Models
- Encounter
- Weathercock
- "— of robins..."

- Father
- Part of the foot
- Hazard
- Tropical plant
- Present
- Horse
- Author Sholem

- Fraternal org.
- Ivy League college
- Telegram
- German spa
- Knock
- Extinct bird

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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